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FOR ARA/ECA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY), BR

SUBJ: BRAZILIAN PRESS AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT

REF: A) 77 BRASILIA 8601, B) BRASILIA 1151

1. ASSESSMENT OF BRAZILIAN PRESS CLIMATE AND PRINCIPAL MEDIA OUTLETS IN REFTEL A REMAINS VALID BUT SHOULD BE AUGMENTED BY THE ANALYSIS IN REFTEL B OF EVIDENCE WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE GOB MAY BE EXPERIMENTING WITH A RELAXATION OF THE CENSORSHIP OF RADIO AND TELEVISION. NO CENSORSHIP CALLS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY BRAZILIAN BROADCASTERS SINCE MID-NOVEMBER 1977, AND EMBASSY OBSERVERS AGREE THAT POLITICAL NEWS AND COMMENTARY SEEM TO BE INCREASING ON NETWORK NEWS PROGRAMS.

2. DURING MARCH, THREE PRINCIPAL TOPICS ARE LIKELY TO DOMINATE THE BRAZILIAN PRESS AND INFLUENCE QUESTIONS POSED BY NEWSMEN:

(A) THE POLITICAL BUILDUP TO THE ARENA PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONVENTION IN EARLY APRIL, WHICH WILL FORMALLY NOMINATE GENERAL JOAO BAPTISTA FIGUEIREDO TO SUCCEED PRESIDENT GEISEL IN THE OCTOBER 15 INDIRECT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION;

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(B) PRESIDENT GEISEL'S MARCH 4-10 VISIT TO WEST GERMANY. DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE VISIT WILL BE VARIOUSLY INTERPRETED FOR THEIR POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE VIS-A-VIS PRESIDENT CARTER'S LATER VISIT HERE;

(C) CONTINUED SPECULATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED POLICY SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHANGE OF AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO BRAZIL.

3. SPECIFIC ANTICIPATED PRESS QUESTIONS AND PROPOSED RESPONSES
WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPTTEL.
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